

Area 67 Literature Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025
7:30 pm

The September meeting of the Area 67 Literature Committee was called to order with the Serenity Prayer and Literature Committee Purpose Statement at 7:30 pm. Present: Jim M., Shea L., Carol F., Steffanie J., Caitlin B., Dallas D.

The August 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

District 70 Unity Day

The literature committee will be having a literature table at the District 70 Unity Day. Carol F. will be setting it up. Jim says we need volunteers to help. She will be doing it alone so far unless someone steps up.

October Assembly

Jim says he has been talking with Patty over the past month about the different ideas she has for the October Assembly. She's going to have an assembly committee meeting on Friday night instead of the early Saturday morning meeting. Carol will cover that one for me again. She covered another little pop up meeting that Patty had for the committee last month. Patty has put two 45 minute workshops planned on the agenda. The literature committee will present it. Jim asks about the slides that everyone is doing to present on literature. He and Carol are finished with theirs. Everyone else states that they are working on them and have then done for October 1st.

Drive folder for Literature

Stephanie says that she got a folder created on a share drive for literature, so that we have a place to put all our literature documents. She tells the committee that you will go to the google drive through your Seta gmail page. You will select the drive and search for the Literature folder. All right. So we got a plan for the workshop, and y'all can email it to me or you can drop it in the drive. Jim says to let him know that you put it in the drive. and let me know it's in there. He says he will get in touch with everybody and see what everybody's availability is on the 11th and then what we see if we can put together something that we can have some fun with at the assembly. Jim thinks it'll be a little chaotic because this is the first time we've tried this.

Chair Report

Jim asks if everyone got a chance to look at that quarterly report and does everybody understand what's going on with the quarterly reports? This is something I'm really excited about, at the last General Service conference they've really been talking about communication. So now they're doing quarterly reports from the General Service Office. A There's a desk for all the service committees at the General Service Office. They will be rotating the different service desks at the general service office. So, I guess this is time for a rotation. The spirit of rotation works even there. Jim tells the committee that there are several new and revised literature items. The first one is indigenous people in AA. They revised, retitled it, and put some new stories in it. The Twelve Steps Illustrated was number two on his list. It's a revised pamphlet, new illustrations, and familiar simple summary language. You should sneak over to aa.org and check it out.

The pamphlet Questions and Answers on Sponsorship is being reviewed and they've offered feedback and the general service conference did make editorial changes and those were approved. So, it looks like the trustees and the Literature Committee are working on it now. They also updated the pamphlets Transgender Alcoholics, Asian and Asian American Alcoholics. and the 12 Concepts video animation. Jim asks if anyone has seen the Final Report book out from the conference this year? The committee says no. So, the last thing, the GSC Literature Committee formed a subcommittee to address an advisory action from the 75th General Service Conference to quote " a study to explore Spanish speaking members and the big book." This study will include identifying specific needs within the Spanish speaking community to determine whether a plain language translation of the big book is an appropriate tool or if other accessible materials would be more effective to support Spanish speaking members who face barriers related to literacy or comprehension. Jims says that there is also some confusion about the free access to AA literature through aa.org. The purpose of the website is to serve the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous to be a resource for members, those seeking help, professionals, media, and the public at large, then provide accurate and consistent information about alcoholism and alcoholics anonymous. There's questions about why there's free access to the literature and pamphlets. Jim says there might be concerns over lost revenue.

Ways we use conference approved literature?

Jim tells the LC that his group read "My Chance To Live." It's a great story about a woman who gets sober at 17. The story was written by Wendy who died in 2021 with 41 years of sobriety. A lot of people question how young people can get sober. Shea tells the committee that her sponsor wanted her to tell you guys that during the Holy Name Retreat, a lady brought up the plain language big book about how wonderful it was and how helpful it had been because she had a hard time understanding the big book. Hearing that lady say that in the meeting really kind of gave her some perspective that she had been lacking on it. Jim explains that Jimmy D. gave a talk at the Southwest Texas Area Assembly about the process of reviewing the PLBB book. Jimmy felt like the translator read the Big Book one chapter at a time and translated that chapter, so they didn't have a concept of the whole book and what the purpose of the book was. The translator thought it was better to not go in with preconceived notions. Jimmy felt that the review process was not thorough. Jim says that he still goes back to what his friend, an English teacher, said about the Plain language Big Book. She said if she had a newcomer that had challenges with literacy, I would give them my normal assignment and tell them to go read in the plain language book. Then when we got together, I would bring out the dictionary and we would go through the Big Book.

Jim closes the meeting with the Responsibility statement.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2025